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SUBJECT: LORENZ KIDNAPPING: UK AND FRENCH POSITIONS ON PROVISION OF
AIRCRAFT

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1. AT MEETING WITH ALLIED LIAISON OFFICERS 1900
MARCH 1, HERZ NOTED THAT SENAT PURSUING POSSIBILITY
OF CHARTER WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS AND WANTED TO HAVE
ASSURANCE OF UK GOVT THAT IT WOULD PERMIT BA OR TOTHER
UK FLAG CARRIER TO TAKE ON ASSIGNMENT. BRITISH LIAISON
OFFICER SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE SUCH ASSURANCE BUT
WOULD CHECK IT OUT. HERZ SAID IT IMPORTANT FOR SENAT
TO KNOW WHETHER ALLIES WILL PERMIT ANY ALLIED AIRCRAFT
TO UNDERTAKE CHARTER, PARTICULARLY IF NOT CURRENTLY
LICENSED FOR BERLIN OPERATIONS. HE ASKED FOR THIS
INFO BY NEXT MEETING WITH LIAISON OFFICERS, 2300
MARCH 1.

2. HERZ STRESSED THAT A CHARTER BOUND FOR DESTINATION
OF KIDNAPPERS' CHOICE, PARTICULARLY IF A BOEING 707,
IS MUCH TO BE PREFERRED TO ALLIED OFFER (WHICH
MINISTERS HAD CONVEYED TO GOVMAYOR EARLIER IN
AFTERNOON) TO PROVIDE PLANE TO FLY B-M PEOPLE ONLY
AS FAR AS FRG. HE NOTED THAT MOST RECENT LETTER OF
KIDNAPPERS (REFTEL) STATED THAT UNLESS DEMANDS ARE
COMPLETELY FULFILLED BY 0900 MARCH 3, LORENZ WOULD BE
KILLED.

3. AT MEETING OF ALLIED MINISTERS MID-AFTERNOON, UK
MINISTER HAD SAID BRITISH WOULD NOT PERMIT ANY
UK-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT TO UNDERTAKE B-M CHARTER.
BEFORE BRITISH OFFICER HAD OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS UK
POSITION AT 2300 MEETING WITH HERTZ, HOWEVER, LATTER
SAID FRG EMB LONDON HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH UK MINISTRY
OF TRANSPORT AND BRITISH SUB-CHARTER MAY BECOME
AVAILABLE AFTER ALL. CURRENT BRITISH POSITION AS
DESCRIBED BY HERZ IS THAT IF A PRIVATE COMPANY WISHES
TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL, UK GOVT WILL NOT STAND IN WAY.

4. FRENCH POSITION IS THAT THEY WILLING PROVIDE
AIRCRAFT FOR GETAWAY FROM BERLIN BECAUSE OF ALLIED
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BERLIN, BUT BELIEVE THAT SINCE
RESPONSIBILITY CEASES IN FRG, FRENCH PLANE CAN GO
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NO FURTHER. CONSEQUENTLY, FRENCH WILLING PROVIDE ANY
ONE OF THREE AIRCRAFT (YSTERE 20, TTRANSALL C-160, OR NORD 220) WHOSE
RANGE CONSIDERABLY SHORTER THAN 707'S
DEPENDING ON NUMBER
OF PASSENGERS TO BE TRANSPORTED. GEORGE

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